# Jonathan Whitaker

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## Curriculum Vitae

# **EDUCATION**

## **DEGREE STUDY:**

Indiana University	2008
D.M. Brass Pedagogy	
Dissertation: "The Addition of a Composition	to the Repertoire: A Lecture
Recital Detailing the Composition Through Pro	emiere Process of Visions
of Light by Eric Ewazen	
University of Minnesota	1999
M.M. Trombone Performance	
Murray State University	1997
B.M. Trombone Performance	

## **ADDITIONAL STUDY:**

Trombone Masterclasses with Michael Mulcahy	2009
Northwestern University	
The Alessi Seminar (Participant)	2005
One of 12 participants chosen worldwide	

## PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTORS:

M. Dee Stewart, Indiana University	2000-2003
Tom Ashworth, University of Minnesota	1998-1999
Ray Conklin, Murray State University (deceased)	1993-1997

## **ADDITIONAL STUDY:**

Peter Ellefson, Indiana University	2002-2006
Joseph Alessi, New York Philharmonic	2002-2006
Edward Kleinhammer, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (deceased)	1995-2001
Michael Mulcahy, Chicago Symphony Orchestra	1995-2000
R. Douglas Wright, Minnesota Orchestra	1998-1999
Arnold Jacobs, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (deceased)	1995-1998

#### **TEACHING**

#### **CURRENT TEACHING POSITION:**

The University of Alabama
Associate Professor of Trombone

2009-present

- teach applied trombone
- actively recruit for the Trombone Studio/School of Music
- conduct the UA Trombone Choir
  - o performed at the 2019 American Trombone Workshop
  - o performed at the 2013 International Trombone Festival
  - o performed at the 2011 International Trombone Festival
  - $\circ$  performed at the 2010 Eastern Trombone Workshop
- founded the Crimson Slides (Jazz Trombone ensemble)
- teach weekly Trombone Studio Class
- host numerous guest artists including Joseph Alessi, James Markey, Michael Mulcahy, Tim Higgins, Toby Oft and several others
- University of Alabama Faculty Brass Quintet Trombone
- design and maintain the UA Trombone Studio website (http://www.rollslide.com)
- serve on numerous School of Music search committees
- serve on numerous School of Music internal committees
- serve on multiple graduate committees
- teach trombone at Crimson Music Camp
- winners and finalists in the Eastern Trombone Workshop and the International Trombone Association Solo Competitions
- successful placement of recent graduates in top graduate schools and/or employment
- maintain a high retention and graduation rate within the trombone studio

#### **ADDITIONAL TEACHING:**

The Alessi Seminar

2009-2017

- Auditor Coordinator for bi-annual nine-day workshop hosted by Joseph Alessi
  - o daily masterclasses
  - o daily lessons
  - o conduct Auditor Trombone Choir

Henderson State University, Assistant Professor of Low Brass

- founded the HSU Trombone Choir
  - o guest appearance at the 2008 Arkansas All State Convention
  - o guest appearance at the 2007 Big XII Area Trombone Conference
  - o guest appearance at the 2004 Arkansas Tech Low Brass Day
- founded the HSU Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble
  - o invitation to perform at 2009 Regional ITEC Conference in Corpus Christi, TX
  - o guest appearance at the 2005 Great Plains Regional Tuba and Euphonium Conference
- conducted of the HSU Brass Choir
  - o featured ensemble at the 2006 Arkansas Music Educators Association State Convention
- formed Annual Octubafest Celebration and Recitals
- formed International Trombone Week Recitals
- served as academic advisor for all low brass majors
- designed and maintained the HSU Low Brass Studio website and the HSU Department of Music website
- served as acting Assistant Director of Bands 2005-2008 (collateral duties performed on a volunteer basis)
- taught low brass methods and instrumental methods courses
- weekly recruiting trips to regional high schools
- hosted guest artist appearances by Peter Ellefson, Patrick Sheridan, Brian Bowman, Irv Wagner, Steve Lange and Daniel Perantoni
- successful placement of students in teaching positions in the region as well as in top graduate programs
- 4 student winners of the HSU Concerto Competition (trombone, bass trombone and tuba)
- served as faculty advisor for the Theta Pi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi
- performed regular faculty recitals
- Chair of Department of Music Technology Committee
- Coordinator of Performance Lab Course for all music majors 2006

Indiana University, Associate Instructor of Trombone	2000-2004
Indiana University, Associate Instructor-Department of Bands	2002-2004
Caldwell County School District, Assistant Director of Bands	1999-2000
University of Minnesota, Graduate Teaching Assistant	1998-1999

## **PERFORMANCE**

## **CURRENT PERFORMANCE POSITIONS:**

Huntsville Symphony Orchestra (AL), substitute	2017-present
Alabama Trombone Project	2016-present
Fountain City Brass Band (Kansas City, MO), principal trombone	2016-present
Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, substitute	2016-present
New York Philharmonic (NY), substitute/extra	2011-present
Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra (AL), principal trombone	2011-present
University of Alabama Faculty Brass Quintet	2009-present
Alabama Symphony Orchestra, substitute	2009-present

## **PAST PERFORMANCE POSITIONS:**

National Music Festival Orchestra, principal trombone	2012-2015
Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra (AL), second trombone	2010-2011
Mobile Symphony Orchestra (AL), substitute	2009-2015
Tuscaloosa Symphony Orchestra (AL), substitute	2009-2010
Meridian Symphony Orchestra (MS), substitute	2009-2013
Stentorian Consort (trombone quartet)	2004-2011
Pine Bluff Symphony (AR), Second Trombone	2008-2009
Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra (PA), substitute	2006-2012
Shreveport Symphony Orchestra (LA), substitute	2006-2009
Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, substitute	2006-2009
South Arkansas Symphony, Principal Trombone	2004-2009
Owensboro Symphony Orchestra (KY), Second Trombone	1996-2004
Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra (IN), Trombone/Euphonium	2003, 1997
Camerata Orchestra (IN), Principal Trombone	2000-2004
Harvey Phillips Tuba Company	2000-2004
Richmond Symphony (IN), Second Trombone	2000
Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra (MN), Second Trombone	1998-1999
Paducah Symphony Orchestra (KY), Bass Trombone/Euphonium	1993-2000
Jackson Symphony Orchestra (TN), Second Trombone	1994-1997

## **SELECTED PERFORMANCES AND MASTERCLASSES:**

University of Northern Colorado, Guest Artist Masterclass	2018
Colorado State University, Guest Artist Masterclass	2018
University of Colorado Boulder, Guest Artist Masterclass	2018
International Trombone Festival	2018
University of Iowa – Iowa City, IA	
World Premiere of "The Gift of Little G"	
by David Wilborn	
Clinic: Setting and Meeting Goals	
Arkansas State University Trombone Day Featured Guest Artist	2018

Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic	2017
Alabama Winds	
Three Bones Concerto by Jim Stephenson	
Randall Coleman, conductor	
Joseph Alessi and Peter Ellefson, soloists	
Foro Bronce UCR 2017, Featured Trombone Artist	2017
University of Costa Rica – San Jose, CR	
Indiana University Symphonic Band	2017
Three Bones Concerto by Jim Stephenson	
Eric Smedley, conductor	
Peter Ellefson and Tim Dugan, soloists	
Grand Street Community Band	2017
Red Sky by Anthony Barfield	
Brian Worsdale, conductor	
International Trombone Festival	2016
The Juilliard School – New York, NY	2010
Guest Performer on Peter Ellefson's Recital	
Conductor of the William F. Cramer Choir	
University of Mary, Trombone Day Featured Guest Artist	2016
University of Minnesota, Guest Artists Masterclass	2016
University of Alabama Wind Ensemble	2016
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Mega by Nicola Ferro (world premiere)	
Ken Ozzello, conductor	2015
Foro Bronce UCR 2015, Featured Trombone Artist	2015
University of Costa Rica – San Jose, CR	2015
Manhattan School of Music Wind Ensemble	2015
Red Sky by Anthony Barfield	2014
University of Georgia, Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass	2014
Duquesne Trombone Day, Featured Guest Artist	2014
Kent State University, Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass	2014
University of Akron, Guest Artist Masterclass	2014
Texas State University, Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass	2014
University of Texas at Austin, Guest Artist Masterclass	2014
American Bandmasters Association (ABA)	2014
National Convention	
University of Alabama Wind Ensemble	
Three Bones Concerto by Jim Stephenson	
Ken Ozzello, conductor	
Joseph Alessi and Peter Ellefson, soloists	
College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA)	2014
Southern Division Conference	
University of Alabama Symphonic Band	
Colors by Burt Appermont	
Randall Coleman, conductor	
University of Alabama Symphonic Band	2014
Colors by Burt Appermont	
Randall Coleman, conductor	
University of Alabama Wind Ensemble	2014
Red Sky by Anthony Barfield	
Kenneth Ozzello, conductor	
Indiana University, Masterclass	2013
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Huxford Symphony Orchestra (University of Alabama Orchestra)	2013
Concerto for seven wind instruments, timpani, percussion	
and string orchestra	
Blake Richardson, conductor	
Baylor University, Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass	2013
United States Army Band "Pershing's Own"	2013
Eastern Trombone Workshop	
Three Bones Concerto by Jim Stephenson	
Ken Ozzello, guest conductor	
Joseph Alessi and Peter Ellefson, soloists	
University of Alabama Wind Ensemble	2013
Three Bones Concerto by Jim Stephenson	
World Premiere	
Ken Ozzello, conductor	
Joseph Alessi and Peter Ellefson, soloists	
Murray State University Wind Ensemble	2012
Colors by Bert Apperment	2012
Dennis Johnson, conductor	
DePaul University, Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass	2012
University of Iowa, Masterclass	2012
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Guest Artist Recital	2012
Henderson State University, Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass	2012
The Juilliard School, Masterclass	2012
Madisonville North Hopkins High School Band	2012
Here We Rest by Anthony Barfield	2012
Rob Bryant, conductor	
New York Wind Band Festival	
Carnegie Hall – New York, NY	
Indiana University Concert Band	2011
Fandango by Joseph Turrin	2011
John Rommel, trumpet	
Eric Smedley, conductor	
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University of Alabama Symphonic Band	2011
Air, Metal and Roll by Nick Demos	
Demondrae Thurman, euphonium Randall Coleman, conductor	
,	2011
Yale University, Masterclass	2011
Boston University, Masterclass	2011
New England Conservatory, Masterclass	2011
Longy School of Music, Masterclass	2011
International Trombone Festival	2011
Clinic: Your Fitness and Well Being	
Vanderbilt University	
Nashville, TN	2010
University of South Carolina, Guest Artist Recital	2010
Columbus State University, Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass	2010
Artist in Residence, Conservatorio de Musica de Puerto Rico	2010
San Juan, Puerto Rico	
Full Solo Recital	2010
University of Alabama Wind Ensemble	2010
Harvest: Concerto for Trombone by John Mackey	
Ken Ozzello, conductor	

Indiana University Summer Music Festival	2010
Indiana Summer Concert Band - Guest Soloist	
Colors by Bert Apperment	
Dave Woodley, conductor International Trombone Festival	2010
Cramer Memorial Trombone Choir	2010
Peter Ellefson Guest Artist Recital at the University of Alabama	2010
Guest Artist performing <i>Red Spain</i> by Nicola Ferro	2010
Eastern Trombone Workshop - Guest Artist Recital	2010
Nature's Gift by Anthony Barfield	2010
Indiana University, Masterclass	2010
Peter Ellefson Faculty Recital at Indiana University	2010
Guest Artist performing <i>Red Spain</i> by Nicola Ferro	2010
College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA)	2010
Southern Division Conference	
Henderson County High School Wind Ensemble	
Guest Soloist	
T-bone Concerto (mvt. 3) by Johan de Meij	
Steven Page, conductor	
Faculty Recital - University of Alabama	2010
Program included the world premiere of	
Nature's Gift by Anthony Barfield	
Alabama Music Educators Association Conference	2010
"Old Chestnuts" and "New Favorites" - Favorite Teaching	
Pieces for Music Majors Applied Study: Recital Presented	
by Alabama Higher Education Division Applied Music	
Professors	
Piece Concertante by Carlos Salzedo	
KMEA District 2 Honor Band - Soloist and Conductor	2010
World Premiere of new work commissioned for solo	
trombone and middle school band	
In From the Gulf by David Herring	2000
University of Kentucky, Guest Artist Recital	2009
Eastern Kentucky University, Guest Artist Recital and Masterclass	
University of Alabama Trombone Choir - Soloist  Winds Dance by Nicola Ferro	2009
Demondrae Thurman, guest conductor	
Fall Spectrum Showcase Concert	2009
Sunset by Nicola Ferro	2007
University of Alabama Faculty Brass Quintet	2009
Full Recital at the University of Alabama	
Faythe Freese Faculty Recital - University of Alabama	2009
Concertante by Daniel Pinkham	
Charles "Skip" Snead Faculty Recital - University of Alabama	2009
Sonata for Horn, Trumpet and Trombone	
by Francis Poulenc	
University of Alabama School of Music Convocation	2009
Sunset by Nicola Ferro	
Stentorian Consort feature recital at the Alessi Seminar	2009
Stentorian Consort with Joseph Alessi and Peter Ellefson	2008
Baylor Trombone Day Performances and Recording	

Indiana University Symphonic Band	2008
Visions of Light by Eric Ewazen	
Dr. Jeffery Gershman, conductor	
Baylor Trombone Day	2008
Henderson State University Wind Ensemble	2008
Visions of Light, mvt. 2 and 3 by Eric Ewazen	
Jesse Leyva, conductor	
Murray State University Clinics and Lessons	2007
Stentorian Consort Spring Tour	2007
Baylor University	
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	
The University of Oklahoma	
University of Arkansas at Fort Smith	
Henderson State University	
Big XII Trombone Conference-Texas Tech University	2007
solo appearance and masterclass	
Southeastern Oklahoma State University Trombone Day	2006
featured guest artist	
University of Arkansas at Fort Smith	2006
guest masterclass and recital	
Big XII Trombone Conference-Texas Tech University	2006
solo appearance, masterclass and performance with	
Stentorian Consort	
Alessi Seminar Participants' Trombone Choir	2005
"Nessun Dorma" by Giacomo Puccini	
Joseph Alessi, conductor	200=
Henderson State University Symphonic Band	2005
Visions of Light, mvt. 1 by Eric Ewazen	
David Rollins, conductor	2004
Augustana College Symphonic Band	2004
T-bone Concerto by Johan de Meij	
James Lambrecht, conductor	2004
Purdue University Symphony Orchestra	2004
Concerto by Nina Rota	
Jay Gephart, conductor	2002
Indiana University Wind Ensemble	2003
Colloquy by William Goldstein	
Ray E. Cramer, conductor	2002
Indiana University Concert Band	2002
Morceau Symphonique by Alexandre Guilmant	
Douglas Stotter, conductor	1007
Murray State University Wind Ensemble	1997
T-bone Concerto by Johan de Meij (US Premiere)	
Dennis Johnson, conductor	

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

#### **RECORDINGS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

Paceline – solo recording including works for trombone and piano, trombone and band and trombone solo with trombone ensemble released July, 2018. Released at www.jonathanwhitaker.com and distributed online via CD Baby.

Peter Ellefson Solo CD - A la manière de Defaye released in October, 2016 – guest performer Fanfare for a New Theater by Igor Stravinsky

Gladsome Light – Alexandre Gretchanimoff - transcribed by Jonathan Whitaker for 8 trombones - published by Alessi Publications (ALPUB82) – October, 2014

Nature's Gift – solo recording project for trombone and piano released December 2013. Released at www.jonathanwhitaker.com and distributed online via CD Baby.

The University of Alabama Wind Ensemble

Red Sky by Anthony Barfield

recorded April, 2013 - released by Anthony Barfield, November, 2013

Stentorian Consort – Diversions – released on Albany Records – October 2011 with guests Joseph Alessi and Peter Ellefson

The University of Alabama Wind Ensemble

Concerto for Trombone by David Maslanka

recorded May, 2010 - released on Albany Records in May, 2011

Ave Maria from Vespers Op. 37, No. 6 - Sergei Rachmaninoff - transcribed by Jonathan Whitaker for 8 trombones - published by Alessi Publications (ALPUB55) - December, 2009

Stentorian Consort – Myths and Legends – released on Albany Records – August 2007

Angel Eyes for trombone quartet with Peter Ellefson, Carl Lenthe and M. Dee Stewart on Dee Plus – released summer 2005

A Great Addition to the Repertoire, International Trombone Association Journal, April, 2004

Alessi Seminar 2003, International Trombone Association Journal, October, 2003

#### RECORDING/AUDIO PRODUCTION:

"3" 2019

Peter Ellefson, trombone

Kay Kim, piano

Producing, editing, mixing and mastering

"Paceline"

Jonathan Whitaker, trombone

Kevin Chance, piano

University of Alabama Wind Ensemble

University of Alabama Trombone Choir

Editing and mixing

"A la maniére de Defaye"	2016
Peter Ellefson, trombone	
Kay Kim, piano	
Producing, editing, mixing and mastering	
"Tubas in Love"	2014
University of Memphis Tuba Quartet	
Mixing and mastering	
"Axis"	2014
University of Memphis Tuba Ensemble	
Mastering	
"Tuba Carols: Sounds of the Seasons"	2013
University of Memphis Tuba Ensemble	
Mastering	
"Long Distance"	2013
Kevin Sanders, tuba	
Megan Gale, piano	
Producing, editing, mixing and mastering	
"Natures Gift"	2013
Jonathan Whitaker, trombone	
Kevin Chance, piano	
Editing, mixing and mastering	
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# **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Artist/Clinician for Conn-Selmer, Inc.	2016-present	
Conductor - William F. Cramer Trombone Choir	2016	
International Trombone Festival		
The Juilliard School – New York, NY		
Edwards Instrument Company Performing Artist	2013-2016	
Commission project: Jim Stephenson's "Three Bones" Concerto	2013	
-Premiered with the University of Alabama Wind		
Ensemble with soloists Joseph Alessi, Peter Ellefson		
and Jonathan Whitaker		
Faculty Mentor – National Music Festival – Chestertown, MD	2012-2015	
Artist/Clinician for S.E. Shires Company	2011-2013	
Artist Faculty for the 2011 International Trombone Festival	2011	
Conductor - International Trombone Festival Participant Choir	2010	
Adjudicator - MTNA Southern Division Solo Competition	2010	
Artist/Clinician for Conn-Selmer, Inc.	2006-2011	
Alessi Seminar Administrator (http://www.alessiseminar.com)	2005-2015	
Web Assistant – International Trombone Association	2005-2007	
http://www.trombone.net		
Finalist, "President's Own" United States Marine Band Audition	2004	
Commission project: Eric Ewazen's Visions of Light	2003	
-Premiered at the Midwest Clinic by the Indiana University		
Wind Ensemble with trombone soloist Joseph Alessi		
Webmaster - http://www.peterellefson.com	2003-present	
Webmaster - http://www.stewartsounds.com	2002-2009	
Runner-Up, Indiana University Brass Concerto Competition	2003	
Semi-finalist, Seattle Symphony Audition	2002	
Runner-Up, Indiana University Brass Concerto Competition	2000	